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SUBJECT: EVACUATION PLANNING

REF: A) STUTTGART 1008; B) BEIRUT 4959; C) BEIRUT A-166 OF
JULY 10,1975; D) BEIRUT A-171 OF JULY 15,1975.

1. UPDATED ESTIMATES OF POTENTIAL EVACUEES FOLLOW:

A. DOD PERSONNEL-59, INCLUDING 19 MSG, 3 MSG OFFICE PERSONNEL,
AND 4 SEABEES.

B. DEPNEDEMENTS OF A 63

C. OTHER USG PERSONNEL 135

D. DEPNEDEMENTS OF C 212

E. AMERICAN RESIDENT 6,000, INCLUDING 5,223 FORMALLY REGISTERED
WITH EMBASSY.

F. AMERICAN TOURISTS (AND OTHER TRANSIENTS) MAXIMUM 500.

G. OTHER POTENTIAL EVACUEES 1,700, INCLUDING 951 ALIEN DEPENDENTS
OF U.S. CITIZENS REGISTERED AT EMBASSY.

H. TOTAL 8,669

2. PART I.E. ABOVE IS BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

A. BUSINESSMAN 195

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B. EMPLOYEES 275

C. STUDENTS 150
D. MISSIONARIES:CLERGY 75
E. RETIRED AND DEPENDENTS 440
F. OTHERS 4,865.
G. TOTAL 6,000

3. CONSISTENT WITH REFTEL B. EMBASSY ESTIMATES THAT ONLY ABOUT SIXTY PERCENT OF 4,865 MENTIONED IN 2.F. ABOVE WOULD OPT FOR EVACUATION. THE
EST BEING DUAL NATIONALS ETC, WHO WOULD MOST
PROBABLY ELECT TO REMAIN IN LEBANON EXCEPT UNDER THE DIREST OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. RE GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN, ALTHOUGH NO EXACT FIGURE CAN BE GIVEN ON SHORT NOTICE, BEST ESTIMATE BY EMBASSY IS THAT LESS THAN 1,300 AMERICAN AND ALIEN DEPENDENTS RESIDE OUTSIDE BEIRUT AREA AND PRINCIPALLY IN NORTHERN PART OF COUTNRY. HOWEVER, IT IS ALSO THE EMBASSY JUDGMENT THAT VAST MAJOR TY OF THESE PEOPLE WOULD NOT LIKELY OPT FOR EVACUATION AS DISCUSSED IN PARA 3.

5. IN SUMMARY THE EMBASSY WOULD EXPECT THAT GIVEN THE PRESENT SITUATION IN LEBANON ANY EVACUTAION COULD INVOLVE TAKING UP TO 6,500 AMERICANS OUT OF THE BEIRUT AREA. BECAUSE OF WIDE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION AND AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES. ANY OF THE REMAINDER WHO WIHED TO DEPART COULD PROBABLY BEST DO SO BY VEHICLE TO SYRIA.
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